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FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a

- [] continuation
- [X] divisional

application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application serial no. 10/177,580, filed on June 24, 2002, of Karl-Heinz Schuster, David R. Shafer, Wilhelm Ulrich, Helmut Beierl and Wolfgang Singer for Projection Objective having Adjacently Mounted Aspheric Lens Surfaces.

- [X] Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application, including the declaration as originally filed and a declaration verifying it as a true copy.
- 2. [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 [] is enclosed [] was filed in the prior application and such status is

still proper and desired [37 CFR 1.28(a)].

3. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as filed in the prior application less any claims cancelled by amendment below.

Fee	No.	filed	No.	extra	Rate	Fe	e
Basic fee					\$770.00		
Total claims	16	-20 =		0	x 18.00	\$	0
Independent claims	3	-3 =		0	x 86.00	\$	0
Multiple Dependent Claim presented				0	+ 290.00	\$	0
Total		1			\$770	\$770.00	

- 4. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 15-0773 or credit any overpayment to said account:
 - [X] any patent application filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16;
 - [X] any filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims; and,
 - [X] any patent application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
- 5. [X] A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.
- 6. [X] Cancel in this application original claims 1 to 27 and add claims 28 to 43 of the preliminary amendment submitted herewith before calculating the filing fee.

- 7. [X] Amend the specification as set forth in the preliminary amendment submitted herewith.
- 8. [X] New drawings are enclosed.
 - [X] drawings of FIGS. 1 to 9 (nine sheets).
- 9. [X] Foreign priority of applications serial no. 100 02 626.5 filed on January 22, 2000 and serial no. 100 21 739.7 filed on May 4, 2000, in the Federal Republic of Germany is claimed under 35 USC 119.
 - [X] The certified copies have been filed in PCT-application PCT/EP 00/13148, filed on December 22, 2000.
 - [X] Domestic priority is claimed of PCT/EP 00/13148, filed December 22, 2000, and United States provisional application 60/173,523, filed December 29, 1999.
- 10. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to <u>Carl-Zeiss-Stiftung</u>.
- 11. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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- a. [X] The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. [] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

c. [X] Address all future communications to:

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- 12. [X] A preliminary amendment and an information disclosure statement are enclosed.
- 13. [X] I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application serial no. $\underline{10/177,580}$, as originally filed on $\underline{\text{June } 24, 2002}$.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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